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Atong Ang: I'm just small town lottery consultant

Birthday girl gets pat on the back, hit on chin

By Michael Lim Ubac and Norman Bordadora

ONCE BOSOM BUDDIES UNDER THE Cabinet of President Macapagal-Arroyo, they have parted ways.

One of them—Justice Secretary Raul Gonzalez—says Ms Arroyo deserves the Filipinos' gratitude for what she has done

BIRTHDAY / A11

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SC upholds libel verdict; movie writer to pay P1-M fine

By Leila B. Salaverria

ENTERTAINMENT WRITER CRISTINELLI "Cristy" Fermin has one million reasons to be unhappy.

She will benefit from the Supreme Court circular urging magistrates to do away with imprisonment for libel convictions, but she

SC UPHOLDS / A11

Hoarders face life in jail

GMA orders crackdown; NBI-NFA warehouse raids ongoing

By Michael Lim Ubac, Jhunnex Napallacan and Marlon Ramos

THE DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE is preparing economic sabotage or plunder charges that carry a life sentence against traders found to be hoarding rice, the price of which has risen sharply amid a tight global supply.

Although the country has yet to experience a shortage, Justice Secretary Raul Gonzalez yesterday vowed to hale to court hoarders and other unscrupulous rice traders for acts "inimical to the public interest."

Gonzalez mentioned Chinese rice traders, but was quick to point out that "Filipino traders, for example, were also trying to take advantage" of the "emergency situation."

Gonzalez confirmed the existence of Chinese rice cartels in the country, but added: "We will not engage in witch-hunt." The justice secretary said the newly sworn Chinese-Filipino officials had talked to the President about it.

Gonzalez was responding to President Macapagal-Arroyo's order last week to crack down on hoarders and retailers mislabeling government-subsidized rice as commercial varieties.

On Wednesday, the DOJ created the Anti-Rice Hoarding Task Force.

The President ordered the crackdown to help avert a rice shortage, which could trigger social unrest.

She has also ordered huge imports of rice from neighboring countries like Vietnam and Thailand, and cancelled permits to rice dealers reselling state-subsidized rice to avoid artificial price hikes.

Rising rice prices prompted the President to allot P1 billion as a subsidy to rice farmers and to increase the National Food Authority's buying price for palay (unhusked rice) by 42 percent.

HOARDERS / A6



MOVE OVER, VEGAS A casino-tourism complex to rise on 90 ha of reclaimed land along Manila Bay promises to be the gov't's biggest job-generating program. Groundbreaking rites were held Thursday. Sen. Juan Ponce Enrile is at the mike. Some others in photo, from left, are Andrew Tan, Pagcor president/COO Rafael Butch Francisco and Pagcor chair/CEO Efraim Genuino. At right are three retired bishops: Bishop Emeritus of Calbayog Maximiano Cruz, ex-Malolos Bishop Cirilo Almario and ex-Imus Bishop Manuel Sobreviñas.

$15-B Pagcor casino complex gets off the ground

By Dexter L. Lucas

THE PHILIPPINE AMUSEMENT AND Gaming Corp. (Pagcor) has resurrected a plan hatched in the 1990s to put up a Las Vegas-style casino and tourism complex by Manila Bay.

When it was originally unveiled last year as the $20-billion "Pagcor Entertainment City," it was met by considerable opposition from various values-driven organizations. The Catholic Church was a perennial critic.

For the groundbreaking rites yesterday, Pagcor invited three retired Catholic bishops and the founder of an "interfaith" group to grace the occasion.

Bishop Emeritus of Calbayog Maximiano Cruz led the prayer, assisted by former Malolos Bishop Cirilo Almario and former Imus Bishop Manuel Sobreviñas.

Last year, Pagcor chair Efraim Genuino expressed confidence the Pagcor City project would not encounter opposition, even from the influential Catholic Church.

"For us to handle opposition to gaming, we will follow Las Vegas," he had said. "I think the Church will understand. We are the biggest income generator for the government and I think the Church will be mature enough to understand that."

$15-B PAGCOR / A17

Ex-agri chief lauds GMA for raising palay buying price

By Norman Bordadora, Dona Pazzibugan and Amy Remo

A FORMER AGRICULTURE SECRETARY welcomed President Macapagal-Arroyo's order raising the National Food Authority's buying price for palay (unhusked rice) from P12 to P17 a kilo but called for a higher subsidy to maintain the present cost of milled rice.

Sorsogon Rep. Salvador Escudero, an agriculture secretary during the Marcos and Ramos administrations, said it must be explained to the public that the price of milled rice would reach P34, twice the farmgate price of palay, if the consumer price is not subsidized.

The NFA retails its subsidized rice at P18.25 a kilo.

Escudero said he welcomed the move to increase the NFA buying price for palay "because it will motivate farmers to plant more."

Over the past two years, the NFA has bought only 1 percent of the country's palay produc-

EX-AGRI / A6

'Frisky' US airline dumps Palau leader



LAST EXIT TO PALAU President Tommy Remengesau of Palau waves with his wife Debbie finally get to leave on Thursday afternoon on a private plane paid for by the Philippine gov't, after they were stranded here overnight. They were scheduled to leave Wednesday night after a 2-day state visit.

By Tarra Quismundo

PALAU PRESIDENT TOMMY REMENGESAU Jr. had just completed a two-day state visit to the Philippines and was not about to subject himself to the indignity of being frisked before boarding his US plane back to his island nation.

But the crew of Continental Micronesia Airlines Flight CO 892 was adamant. Their priority was security rather than courtesy, even for a head of state.

After a two-hour standoff, the plane left without Remengesau and his wife Debbie.

In a strange coincidence, the aircraft was recalled back to Manila minutes after it took off following "intelligence information" to the Manila Control Tower from the Philippine Air Force that a bomb might be on board.

The aircraft turned around and was searched, but no bomb was found. It was finally able to take off again at 4:52 a.m. yesterday, some seven hours after

FRISKY / A12

Ocean Park can't handle its success

By Jerome Aning

MANILA OCEAN PARK, THE FIRST IN the country, is "overwhelmed" by the public attention and needs time to get its act together, according to Philippine Tourism Authority General Manager Robert Dean Barbers.

"We apologize for all the trouble and inconvenience that [visitors] have had to bear. We are fixing the system. I hope they would understand us," Barbers yesterday told the Inquirer on the phone.

He said the publicity, coupled with students going on summer vacation, had resulted in long queues in the oceanarium's ticket booths, leaving young and old visitors sweltering under the hot sun.

"The park is simply overwhelmed. Imagine, there are 3,000 visitors every

OCEAN PARK / A11

$2-B Korean shipyard in Misamis Oriental to hire 45,000

By Ma. Cecilia Rodriguez
Inquirer Mindanao

CAGAYAN DE ORO CITY—THE CONSTRUCTION of what its South Korean builders claim would be the world's fourth largest shipyard facility has started in Misamis Oriental.

The $2-billion facility is expected to employ about 45,000 people—including engineers, welders, fabricators and administrative personnel—within three years, when the facility is expected to become fully operational, according to Hanjin Heavy Industries and Construction Co. Ltd. and Philippine officials.

The facility is being built in an area covering 445.8 hectares at the Phividec Industrial Estate located in the towns of Villanueva and Tagoloan, some 30 km east of this city.

Hanjin said the construction of the shipyard would put the Philippines on the list of countries with the largest shipyard facilities, after South Korea, Japan and China.

But there will be human costs.

More than 200 families in two barangays in Villanueva town will have to be relocated to give way to the shipyard, according to project officials.

Other coastal barangays in Tagoloan

$2-B KOREAN / A17

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I'm just a consultant–Atong

Gaming expert denies owning small-town lottery firm in Cavite

HE IS NOT ONE OF THE owners of a gaming company, merely its consultant.

Deposed President Joseph Estrada's gambling buddy Charlie "Atong" Ang insisted he was only doing feasibility studies for Lucky Titanium Corp. (LTC), which has been given a permit to operate the state-approved small-town lottery (STL) in Cavite by the provincial government and the Philippine Charity Sweepstakes Office.



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Gov't to speak with one voice on doomed Pinay



SANGGUNIANG PANLALAWIGAN NG BATANGAS

Leadership, money woes hobble Abu Sayyaf





No fireworks at DOJ probe of Lozada 'kidnap'

By Leila B. Salaverria



Mining firm hits gov't deal with ZTE



STONE & STEEL UNVEILED

Iggy takes on Alan Peter on SC ruling

Correction

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2008 NATIONAL FOOD SUMMIT



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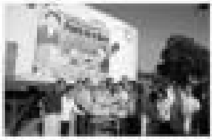


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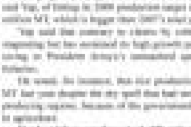
Gov't holds National Food Summit

CLARK FREEPORT—The Arroyo government is hosting its National Food Summit today at the Fontana Convention Center here to harmonize all food security initiatives and craft—as well cement broad multi-sectoral support behind—a comprehensive blueprint for rural development over the next three years, according to Agriculture Secretary Arthur Yap.











National Food Summit

4-Apr-08

PROGRAMME

Time	Activity
11:30 - 12:15	Registration/Lunch
12:15 - 12:30	Presentation from the Bangkok Pilipinas Performing Arts Foundation
12:30 - 12:40	MOA Signing of DA-ALPE and Unopfood
12:40 - 12:50	Acknowledgement of Participants/Delegates (The Secretary together with Asec. Sabacing and Adm. Navarro welcomes the President at the Venue to symbolically acknowledge the Rice Growers)
12:50 - 1:00	Invocation and National Anthem
1:00 - 1:10	Report of the Secretary
1:10 - 1:38	Presentation of Stakeholders
1:10 - 1:11	FELINO GARCIA JR. (Rice)**
1:12 - 1:13	DR. EMIL JAVIER of NAST
1:14 - 1:15	ELYVIC ARDALIO (Corn)**
1:16 - 1:17	ROSALIE ELLASUS of PHILMAIZE
1:18 - 1:19	DR. EMILIO ESCOBILLO (Livestock)*
1:19 - 1:20	RITA IMELDA PALABYAB of FAAB
1:21 - 1:22	CHARLIE CAPRICHO (Fisheries)
1:23 - 1:24	ALONSO TAN of Alliance of Phil. Fishing Federation
1:25 - 1:26	MARCELINO REMOTIGUE (Legaspiou NORMIN Veggies)*
1:27 - 1:28	LYNDON TAN of Phil. Vegetable Council
1:29 - 1:30	ROBERTO AMORES of PHILFOODEX
1:31 - 1:32	CONG. PROCESO ALCALA (Kalipunang Pamilihan ng Sariwang Quezon)*
1:33 - 1:34	DR. ROLANDO DY of UA&P
1:35 - 1:36	PROF. ENRICO BASILIO of UA&P
1:37 - 1:38	FR. BEN BELTRAN**
1:40 - 2:00	Keynote Address of the President

**Live Feed and Taped Interview

* Taped Interview

Bill seeks to penalize ethnic discrimination

Jamby lawyer wants to know real complainant

By Julie M. Aurelio

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For the record

19 days to go before Earth Day!

Did you know...

Hoarders face life in jail; NBI-NFA raids ongoing



Raid in Mandaue

Legit traders need not fear

Warehouse not NFA-registered

Instruction to NBI

Vice governor surprised

Licensed dealers

Duties paid

Ex-agri chief Escudero lauds GMA for raising palay buying price



Traders offer higher price

Subsidy useless if ...

Huge incentive

Irrigation, hybrid seeds

Greater rice yield

Bugs



Robinsons Supermarket
WOW!
Low, Low Prices!
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PAGCOR Chairman Efraim Genuino presents the investors behind the approved concepts for the Bagong Nayong Pilipino-Manila Bay Tourism City. They are: Mikiyo Tsuji, president of ARUZE (USA), Kazuo Okada, chairman of ARUZE Corporation, Genting Berhad Chairman Tan Sri Lim Kok Thay and Alliance Global Chairman Andrew Tan. With them is PAGCOR President and COO Rafael Butch Francisco (right).

RP's $15-b tourism project attracts major investors

Four major international and local conglomerates are eyeing the project that is set to become the Philippines' largest tourism development – the Bagong Nayong Pilipino-Manila Bay Tourism City.

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CLOCKWISE: The Genting-AGI concept, the SM concept and the ARUZE concept

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The investors

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Choosing the concepts, the PAINT way

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PAGCOR as catalyst in economic growth

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AUTOMATE POLLS, OR ELSE ...

Gordon threatens to block Melo

PCGG unsure if $4-M Disini deposit still intact

By Jerry E. Esplanada

GMA to preside over food summit at Clark today



CHILDREN OF SUMILAO

'Frisky' US airline dumps homebound Palau leader



YOU CAN GO HOME AGAIN

Bomb threat probed

Arrogant bullies

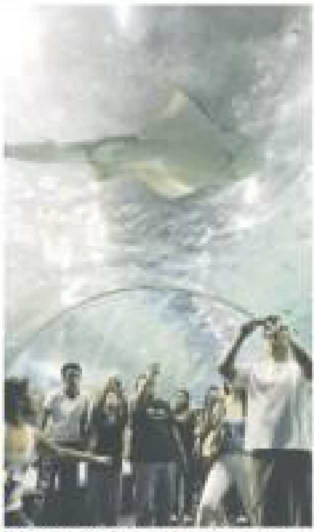
No exemption to US law

Redundancy check

GMA leads surprise inspection of rice warehouse in Manila

Delivery receipt misleading





Ocean Park . . .

No 'wallalister'

Feeling cheated

P1-B project

Promises, promises



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OPINION

Man in the middle?

EDITORIAL

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Why the black propaganda against Napocor?

AS I SEE IT

Neal H. Cruz

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Confessions of a bar examiner

PASSION FOR REASON

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Lessons on election fraud

ANALYSIS



Amando Doronila

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Edu versus child porn

AT LARGE



Rina Jimenez-David

Today Subic to Clark, tomorrow to La Union

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Wrong values outside school

LETTERS

All problems come and go

Going to court rather than going to the streets

Taiwan showcased dynamic democracy

APP on, benefiting 360,000 kids

Why drag in Senator Trillanes?

Vital link needs rehabilitation

Bishops told: So much for discernment

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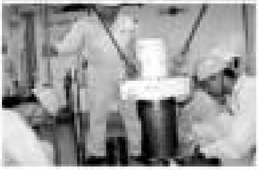
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Blessing of the Lord

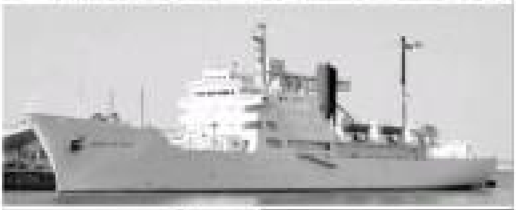
4-star hotels, parks



















Cops rue flight of terror suspect

By Alcuin Papa

Birthday girl gets pat on the back, hit on chin



Opposition, media hecklers

Gonzalez's birthday wish

Ethics case

SC upholds libel verdict; movie writer to pay P1-M fine

Beltran's case

Fine over jail

Motive

150,000 new voters expected in ARMM

COTABATO CITY—AN ESTIMATED 150,000 NEW registrants are expected to be added to the current 1.5 million registered voters in the Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao (ARMM) when the scheduled regional elections are held on Aug. 11.

19,000 double registrants

Other concerns



RECRUITMENT

Nur backers won't recognize new MNLF chair

Ifugao, Isabela OK deal to split ₱114M in taxes

DENR Caraga chief sacked after Atienza meets bishop

By Franklin Caliguid
Inquirer Mindanao

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GUARDING HISTORY
A Philippine Navy sailor stands guard beside a marker unveiled recently by the National Historical Institute in Barangay Rawis, Legazpi City, to commemorate the last amphibious landing of American forces in Luzon during World War II.

Villagers dig in to prevent homes' demolition for mining

By Melvin Gascon
Inquirer Northern Luzon

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'We have come to a decision that no house in Dinauyan shall be demolished...'

SC chief moves steel firm's case to court body

By Leila B. Salaverria

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Dumaguete execs seek GMA help in opening port

By Alex Pal
Inquirer Visayas

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News

Fr. Bossi pursues mission in Parañaque



Aplus METRO

Editor: Ester G. Dipasupil



Drive vs 'colorum' vehicles continues

MMDA cites 'improved' traffic

THE METROPOLITAN MANILA Development Authority said its campaign against colorum and out of line buses found on major roads would go on despite protests from transport groups.

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TIGHT WATCH [illegible]

7-ft python stops traffic in Cubao

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DID YOU KNOW

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Cuerpo ignores acting mayor's ultimatum

By Kristine L. Alave



Witness says he knows man trailing slain Comelec official

By Allison W. Lopez

200 QC families face eviction; boundaries 'unclear'

Survey

5 hectares

Perimeter

4 suspected extortionists killed in shootout in Binangonan

By Kristine L. Alave



'WOMEN ACHIEVERS' AWARDEE

MetroBriefs

Shanties near Pinaglabanan Shrine demolished

Taguig sets up rice monitoring task force

Aliwan Fiesta photography competition

The WORLD

Bin Laden in good health, says deputy



BIN LADEN in undated photo

DUBAI—AL-QAIDA LEADER OSAMA BIN LADEN was well and reports speculating about his sickness were false, his deputy Ayman al-Zawahri said in a recording on Wednesday.

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—Reuters



MISS LANDMINE CONTEST [illegible]

Mugabe in biggest battle after poll defeat



MUGABE

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—Reuters

Where is Bush amid turmoil?

By Sheryl Gay Stolberg

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—NYT

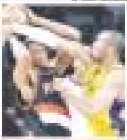
Embattled Irish PM to resign

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—NYT

SPORTS

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■ Mavs boost playoff drive /A20

Obscure Japanese ahead by 1

Magada leads RP charge

By Mosong R. Castillo



THE POTENTIALLY EXPLOSIVE FLIGHT IN DAY 1 of the 92nd Philippine Open turned out to be a dud as it struggled with the rest of the favorites yesterday, leaving an obscure Japanese on top of the heap and a veteran journeyman to carry the fight for the Philippines.

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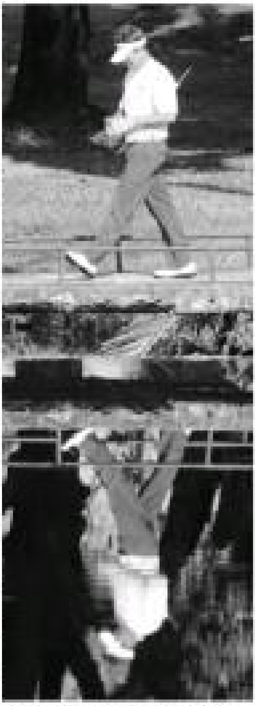
OBSCURE A18



Bulls, Express vie for solo lead

AFTER LEAVING STRONG IMPRESSIONS in their debut, the imports of Red Bull and Air21 try to sustain their excellent form when the two squads dispute the solo lead in the Smart-PBA Fiesta Cup today at the Araneta Coliseum.

Obscure Japanese pro ahead by one stroke



The first-round scores:

SECOND-ROUND PAIRINGS

Baguio sustains POF golden charge



SPORTSWATCH

NCA derby at Pasay today

'Bullang Bullang' closes up

Golem Silverio in ICU

SSC, Ateneo tossers seek No.2



LA LAKERS' Kobe Bryant (right) harasses Trail Blazers' Travis Outlaw

Mavs boost playoff drive

Nowitzki, Gasol make triumphant return

Nadal trounces Blake, gains semis

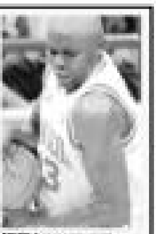


NADAL: Going strong

Hot Orcollo seeks Guinness Penang leg

CHAMPS CUP

Harbour-RP takes on Thailand today

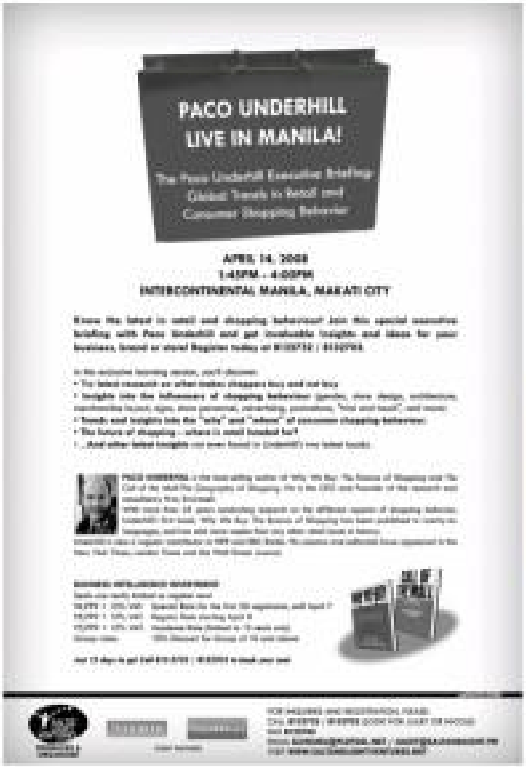


By Rommel S. Abella

MMA fights showcase at Metrowalk

Nolte places 7th

Ekwe unruffled by 6-hour 'detention'



SPORTS

Fiery Hapee whips Noosa

By Joannie W. Papa

FLASHING ITS FAMILIAR DOMINANCE, Hapee Toothpaste raced to an early 24-point advantage and then kept Noosa Shoes at bay the rest of the way for a 96-88 win yesterday in the PBL Lipovitan Amino Sports Cup at The Arena in San Juan.

The Complete Protectors ...



HAPEE'S Larry Rodriguez finds the lane blocked by Noosa's Bear Co.



BUSINESS

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IMF: RP growth hinges on tax reforms

With measures in place, economy seen to do well

THE INTERNATIONAL Monetary Fund said the Philippines could grow by as much as 6.3 percent this year despite uncer- [illegible]

CURRENCIES

Shares close 8.4% lower



US firm expands call center operations to Clark

By Ronnel W. Domingo

Is there a rice shortage or a rice crisis?

By Ernesto M. Ordoñez

COMMENTARY

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PNOC-AFC set to produce jatropha oil

By Abigail L. Ho

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VAS provider now a telco

With MOA near the project site, firm's move was expected

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Rael J. Palabrica

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PNOC-EC seeks partners for SC 59

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BPI ready for further expansion–Montinola

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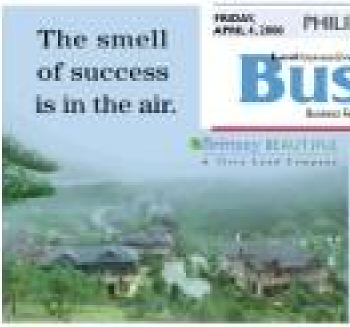
P5-B subsidy seen to be crucial to RP food security

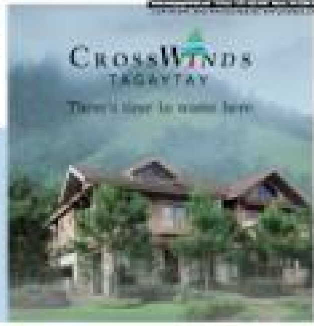


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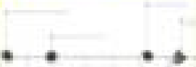


BUSINESS Friday





JWT Manila big winner in radio category of Adfest



AFTER SCORING THE PHILIPPINES' first Cannes Gold in radio ...



Scam ad scandals mar Asia Adfest

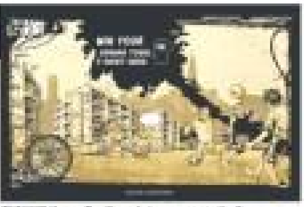
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TBWA-SMP in World Press Awards

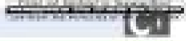
Campaign crushes Crush, and BBDO-Guerrero

Malaysia bags radio best



THE FAKE "Jungan Tupai" — website game created by Compass Malaysia, Grand Kancil winner

LIFESTYLE



FASHION



Lesley Mobo shows why he's London's success

Before a Who's Who crowd, he dared to do an autumn-winter line of impeccable finish

LESLEY C2

7 ways to wear your little black dress

Maximize your classic LBD

APPLES' PICKINGS



Apples Aboitiz-Sadhwani



Channeling Audrey











Lesley Mobo shows why...



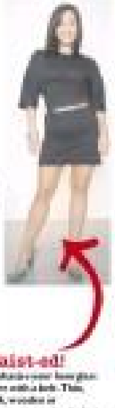
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7 ways to wear your little black dress

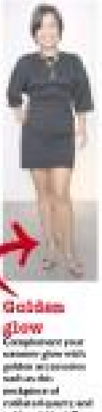












Tunic time

Color-coding

Waist-ed!

Golden glow

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White's right!

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Catchy threads, classic silhouettes







DIVINE Lee





Catchy threads, classic silhouettes

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LIFESTYLE

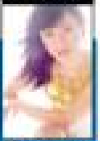


BEAUTY

Real men use scrubs

Here are some products for men that don't stick, stink or streak on skin

KNOCKOUT!



Ria Francisco-Prieto

I'M PROUD to say my husband has a very complete and efficient toiletry kit, thanks to me.

Since he plays golf, I once asked him if he used sunblock. He told me he didn't since it was too sticky and it made him feel dirty.

Next D4





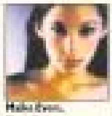
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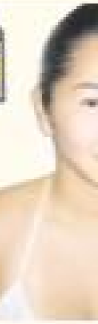
Knowing your skin type

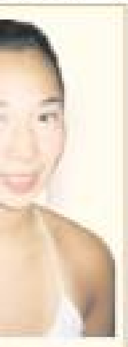


How to get a great tan









Dealing with dark and sweaty underarms



MAKEOVER 911
Kirsty Sekai

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BLOCK & White whitening deodorant powder

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Women in conception

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New anti-aging line for flawless skin



LAURA MERCIER'S PALETTE FOR Spring 2008 may be dominated by shades of violet and plum, but the core of the makeup brand remains its so-called Flawless Skin. It has now expanded the line with the addition of anti-aging skincare serums and creams.





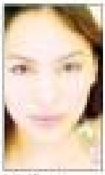
Shiseido promo winners!



SANYA SMITH:

All in the name of vanity

Brent Javier has himself shaved delicately, while another model dyes her hair fiery red





BRENT JAVIER:

LIFESTYLE

The secret behind today's hottest brand



MARC Jacobs and best friend Robert Duffy

He stands between the genius and his 'demons'

THE AMERICAN MEDIA HAS PORTRAYED Robert Duffy, perhaps without exaggeration, as the man standing between Marc Jacobs and his demons.

When he confirmed that his business partner was back again on alcohol and drugs, Duffy, 53, confronted Jacobs early last year in his London hotel room and threatened to quit if he didn't go to rehab.

Before their confrontation, Jacobs, 44, was showing the same telltale signs of substance abuse that have hounded him since his Studio 54 days in New York. Showing up several hours late for an appointment without valid reason was just one of them.

Jacobs, who was then about to unveil a new collection, tried to buy time, but Duffy would have none of it. In the end, the designer voluntarily sought help by entering a rehab facility in Arizona as soon as his commitments were finished.

"You never lick it," Duffy told Inquirer last week. "You can only manage it. It's something I've had to deal with everyday for as long as we've worked together."

Indeed, after going through such episodes "a million times," Duffy knows that threatening to quit the partnership is the sure way of getting the usually self-motivated and self-effacing Jacobs to straighten out.

"He knows I mean it," he said. "Actually, attending to him isn't as difficult as it seems because Marc wants to remain sober and healthy. In fact, he's never been physically better than he's ever been in his life."

HE STANDS B1



MARC Jacobs takes a bow after showing his 2007 Fall collection at New York Fashion Week.

By Alex Y. Vergara

THE MAN WHO'S BEHIND one of the most successful fashion brands today visited Manila last week. Robert Duffy, studio director of Marc Jacobs International (MJI), was on an Asian swing.

The world fashion industry considers him as the ultimate enabler, corporate infighter and facilitator.

As the other half of MJI, the company he and designer Marc Jacobs founded more than a decade ago, Duffy helped turn the $2-million business into a $1-billion global enterprise.

To Jacobs, however, Duffy is all that and more (see related story). "If it weren't for Robert, I'm sure I'd be dead by now," Jacobs has been in and out of the rehabilitation center for drugs and alcohol abuse.

Not only is Duffy the designer's best friend, he's also the wind beneath his creative wings. The two men have been business partners since 1984.

Robert Duffy is the wing beneath Marc Jacobs' wings

They've never been lovers, Duffy said. They're more like family, each with a cradle for the other man's problems.

Stores Specialists, Inc. (SSI) represents Marc Jacobs (the collection) and a younger, more affordable line, Marc by Marc Jacobs, locally. Marc Jacobs opened its first store in the Philippines last November at Greenbelt 4, while Marc by Marc Jacobs will open end of April at Greenbelt 5.

"It's so tempting to travel and get direct information from our partners and go back to New York to address that," said Duffy, who shares not only an office with Jacobs in SoHo, but also a big working table where they work from across each other.

"It's sometimes easy to forget that there are

THE SECRET B1

A dibuho-nobela by CARLO J. CAPARAS

To have and to hold



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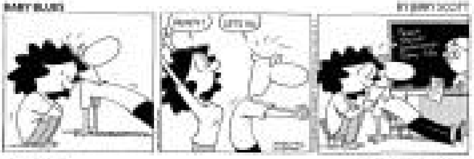
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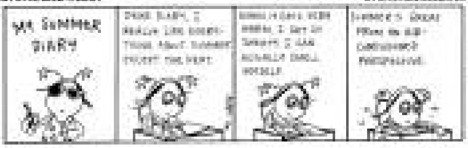
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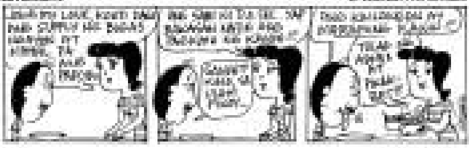
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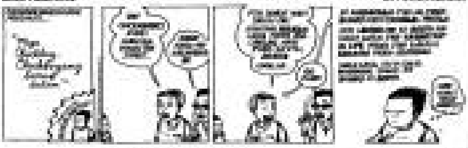
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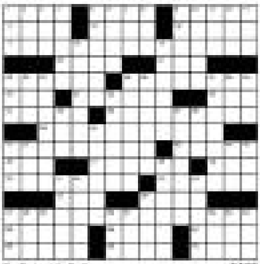
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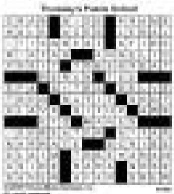


BEN



DAILY CROSSWORD





HOROSCOPE

BY FRANCIS DRAKE

CONCEPTIS SU DOKU

Conceptis Sudoku

By Dave Green

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Difficulty Level ★★★★

HOW TO PLAY SU DOKU

Answer to previous puzzle

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COLORFUL FLIPFLOPS

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BACK TO BASICS

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Godiva launches new Safe Sea

[illegible]



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The secret behind today's hottest brand









He stands . . .

LIFESTYLE

Special light source formula



Inno Sotto special on QTV 11

A whiter shade of health

Taking that winning smile to your doorstep





'Our patients don't just come and go in our clinic. When we set up appointments for their dental check-up, we also get to talk about the most mundane things in life'

Beautiful smiles for every Filipino family



Eagle Point Resort hosts PCSO's medical and dental mission





Finally a mouthwash that does more good for your oral health, naturally

WITHOUT A DOUBT, ALL OF the mouthwashes available in the market can help freshen your breath. But now comes a revolutionary mouthwash that not only keeps your breath fresh but does a lot more to improve your overall oral health – and does so in the way Mother Nature intended.

Introducing Gargol Oral Wash, the only 100 percent natural mouthwash made from pure essential oils that moisturize the mouth and gives long-lasting clean and fresh breath.

This new generation mouthwash can deliver so much more than just defense against bad breath. Gargol also protects the mouth from bacteria that cause halitosis, mouth sores, sore throat, gingivitis and dental caries.

Gargol contains peppermint to help keep breath naturally fresh and myrrh which is useful in keeping gums healthy. Also included in this unique formulation is thyme, which is effective at fending mouth infections and chamomile which calms inflammations and soothes sore throats. Tea tree oil has the double benefit of healing mouth lesions (singaw) and other oral infections as well as being a fantastic breath freshener.

Gargol's breakthrough formula also contains propolis which is harvested from beehives and is one of nature's most potent anti-microbial and anti-bacterial agents.

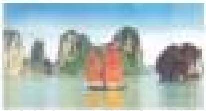
Being all-natural, Gargol has no sugar or artificial sweeteners and is ideal for diabetics. Instead, Gargol contains xylitol, a natural sweetener extracted from the bark of birch trees and is also found in many fruits and vegetables. Xylitol has been called a "dentist's dream" because of its active role in reversing the destructive effects of caries on oral health. While sugar causes tooth decay by creating a highly acidic condition in the mouth, xylitol can in fact restore the mouth's pH balance and retard cavity growth.

Unlike other mouthwashes, Gargol has no alcohol. Products with alcohol can dry out the mouth creating an environment where bacteria can thrive, even leading to gum infection and mouth sores. Dry mouth also happens to be the number one cause of bad breath. The no alcohol formula makes Gargol kid-safe and ideal for post-treatment care.

And with all this goodness packed into four fruity fresh flavors Gargol Oral Wash certainly is the new generation of mouthwashes. So if you've been looking to try something truly new, exciting and ultimately beneficial for your mouth, then try Gargol Oral Wash.

Gargol Oral Wash is available in strawberry, mint, orange and green apple flavors and in three bottle sizes: 200ml, 95ml and 35ml. Available in supermarkets, Mercury Drug outlets and other leading drugstores nationwide.

For more information, visit www.gargol.net or TXT 4 INFO to 0921 260 0226. Gargol is a global brand marketed by Whealth Inc.

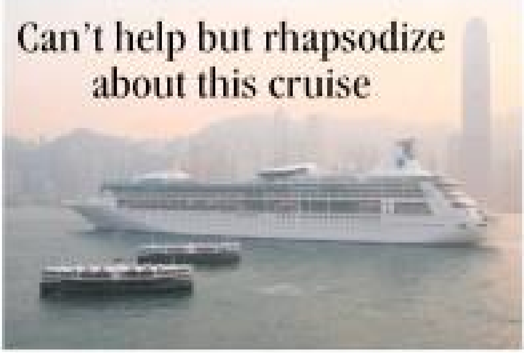


SPECTACULAR limestone islands shoot out of the crystal-clear waters of Ha Long Bay, while a typical Vietnamese fishing sailboat glides by.



THROUGH the cave opening, you can see where we were ashore at the start of the point cruise.

Can't help but rhapsodize about this cruise





JUST a small part of the awesome Grotto of Wooden Stakes Cave in Ha Long Bay



BUSTLING view of Ha Long Bay, our first stop in Vietnam



ACE cuts Maurice Arcache, Tessa P. Valdes, Capt. Olav Nyvoren, Joy Abrogar and Joanne Ramirez enjoy the cocktails.



MUSICAL spectacular at Melodies Theater

WITHOUT BATTING AN EYELASH

Maurice Arcache



Photo by Allan Yuri [illegible] using YKL Photo Solutions

CRUISING OFFERS ONE THE choice to sail away and visit the most exciting places around the globe, dahlings.

One of the world's most popular cruise liners, Royal Caribbean International, has made her debut in the regional cruise industry with the awesome Rhapsody of the Seas, the largest ship to be ported in Asia.

Her cruise season on Jan. 3, 2007 which started in Singapore for a Chinese New Year holiday tour, sailing to the tropical ports of Kuala Lumpur and Penang and the exotic island of Langkawi, all in Malaysia and to Phuket, Thailand.

Those who joined the cruise were Bukidnon Gov. Joe Zubiri, wife Vicky and their brood, with their in-laws from abroad who couldn't say enough of the great time they had, dahlings.

Also joining the trip was Marilou Pangandaman-Sigmaringen, the brilliant president and CEO of Aspen Air Inc. which brought along the media for a familiarization tour.

The media group consisted of our pal, Tessa Prieto Valdes, and moi; we both represented the Philippine Daily Inquirer (with her also representing Tatler Magazine), and Joanne M. Ramirez of People Asia magazine.

Playing our guardian angel was [illegible] Joy Abrogar, senior VP and chief operating officer of Aspen Air Inc.

We had all been together two years ago for the inaugural cruise of one of the world's largest ships, Freedom of the Seas, also belonging to the Royal Caribbean, which we boarded in South Hampton in England.

So it was even more exciting that the gang would be together again for a five-night Indo-China Explorer cruise, which started in Hong Kong.

Great short flight

We took off from Manila with our favorite pal, Philippine Air Lines, natch, and, as always, the one-hour-and-45-minute flight seemed to speed shorter with the excellent and friendly service of the [illegible] crew on board.

We arrived right on schedule at the bustling former Crown Colony and was whisked off faster than you could [illegible] to the Ocean Terminal in Kowloon, where we were greeted by the colossal Rhapsody of the Seas that was elegantly docked and ready to set sail with her passengers for a dream cruise [illegible].

Upon checking in our passport and getting our boarding card, we dashed off for a quickie shopping trip at [illegible] to grab some [illegible].

Once we were settled in our so comfy and well-furnished balcony cabin, with a perfect view of the ocean, we performed the [illegible] emergency drill procedure.

Then it was time to explore this magnificent floating island, as we sailed out of Hong Kong harbor to start our exciting trip to Vietnam, with stops at two ports, Ha Long Bay and Chan May, and another port of call at [illegible], tropical [illegible], in China.

Rhapsody has 11 passenger decks, nine passenger elevators for 1,998 passengers (double occupancy) of the 2,435 total guests. [illegible] from 52 countries, with [illegible] of the crew coming from the Philippines who definitely are always the favorite of most of the passengers in a cruise.

Full amenities

Rhapsody has a fantastic Solarium, spa, Broadway Melodies Theater that has 870 seats, and the popular Casino Royal in which tons of passengers dig in and try their luck whole evenings or night to the next destination.

The ship also has a chic Champagne Terrace and [illegible], a fitness center where Joy, Tessa and myself would hit the treadmill for an hour or so while Joanne would join the jogging group around the ship's deck every evening before dinner. That way we didn't feel guilty pigging out on the excellent six course dinner menu.

And if you felt like having another serving of this or that or all the courses again?

No problem, you order it, you get it at the formal Edelweiss Dining Room that has a 1,200-person capacity for breakfast, lunch and dinner.

And, oh yes, there's room service.

If you're not in the mood to go formal-cool, then dash up the ninth floor and dig into the Windjammer Café which has a buffet-grazing with dishes and desserts from different countries.

No wonder I gained four pounds from the five-day cruise. There are also different centers for teens and children to make sure they're having fun while on board.

We found out there are 81 cooks in the kitchen and 23 musicians, many of whom come from the Philippines.

Docking in Vietnam

After two nights, we arrived at the calm waters of Vietnam's Ha Long Bay, which was watched from the balcony of my stateroom as the sun peeked on the horizon.

It was a [illegible] perfect sight—limestone islands lifting out of the sea, like something one would see in Palawan, only a bit more dramatic.

Our shore excursion was arranged by the ship's passenger service counter. We made the excursion while the ship docked for the day.

We hopped into a super-comfy converted fishing boat to go and see one of the natural wonders of the island, the Hang Dau Go (Grotto of Wooden Stakes). It [illegible] the gang, climbed 100 steps to get into the cave.

Our jaws literally dropped. The sight was awesome. Nature had carved fabulous sights from the high ceilings to the cave walls, with colors changing where the light would hit a particular spot. The sight was a breathless wonder of nature.

Wow!

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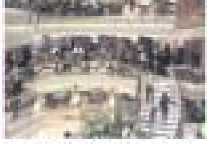
TESSA blends with the cherry blossoms at the HK Ocean terminal.



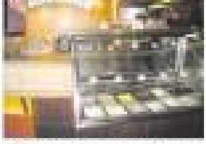
A CHILD riding [illegible]



EGYPTIAN-INSPIRED Solarium



THERE is a slew of bars, casino, restaurants, shops, library and other amenities on board



THIS Ben & Jerry's ice cream parlor is open [illegible] midnight

FASHION

LIFESTYLE

Hot! Hot! Hot! Summer style's must-haves



DOROTHY Perkins ivory sheer stripe shirt



SUMMER SOPHISTICATION.

[illegible]



RED-HOT SUMMER LOOKS.

[illegible]



WHITE waistcoat

WHITE trousers



WHITE lace-trim cami

BOUTIQUE FESTIVAL.

[illegible]



BROWN pleat-front shorts

STYLE MEETS FUNCTION

[illegible]



RAINBOW striped bikini

NEUTRAL shopper bag

TROPICAL print sun dress

BROWN crochet neck top

DENIM shorts and tan plaited belt

IVORY tank

GET the ultimate summer look with Dorothy Perkins patchwork blouses and denim super flares.

Bringing romance back in style



WAREHOUSE SPRING-SUMMER '09 COLLECtion boasts of feminine, fluid and sophisticated outfits for the ultimate glam effect. The look is pretty and casual in an explosion of colors. The palette combines an all-white look for pure summer romance with indigo-blue, lilac and shades of purple giving a fresh look, while clashing hues like bright pinks and greens scream summertime.

[illegible]

GO ULTRA CHIC. Warehouse white trench matched with black-and-white plaid skirt.



WHITE [illegible]



DENIM [illegible]



BRIGHT PINK [illegible]



FLORAL [illegible]



MAKE a bold statement [illegible]



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BLACK [illegible]



KHAKI [illegible]



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PLAY up your summer style [illegible]



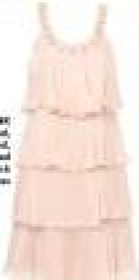
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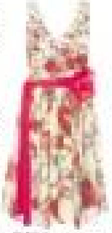





Understated elegance takes a vintage feel













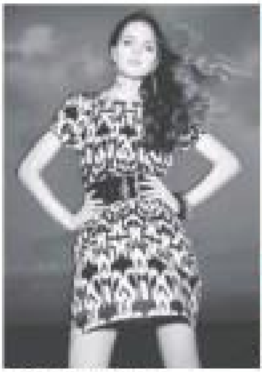

Kate, oh Kate

At the Top of their game









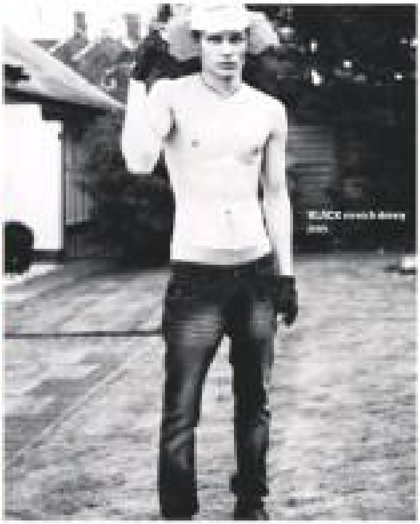


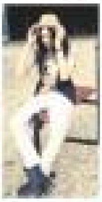






















ENTERTAINMENT

Editor: Bernie Q. Velarde



Juday trying new things 'for a back-up career'



HER one wish as she turns 30 does not involve her ongoing tax problem.

By Marinel R. Cruz

FRUSTRATING WAS HOW ACtress Judy Ann Santos described her ongoing problem with the Bureau of Internal Revenue, when she met the press this week.

In 2005, the BIR filed with the Department of Justice tax evasion charges against Judy Ann for allegedly under-declaring her 2002 income by P8.7 million.

"Three years— [illegible] Am I going to jail or what?" Juday wondered. "I pray about it a lot, but I'm also prepared for the worst."

Juday insisted she had never been remiss in her tax obligations. "I pay my taxes quarterly, or as soon as I get paid for my endorsements." Speaking of which, the media exchange took place during her endorsement contract signing with Lactacyd.

Juday said she is also praying hard for the release of her daughter Yohan's adoption papers. "If God should grant me one birthday wish, I hope it's this one."

You're turning 30 this month.

I'm excited about [that]. [illegible] I'd like to work on new things. I recently began my 100-hour [illegible] in Manila. And I just finished the movie "Ploning," which I co-produced.

How will you celebrate?

I can't say yet. I'm saving for a bigger house. I want it to be in a really secluded subdivision, and spacious enough for the kids. [illegible]

I didn't expect to last 20 years in this business. I've come to realize that ... to be happy I just need to please myself. I've also learned that if you love someone, [illegible] share him with the world.

There are rumors that you and Ryan are tying the knot this year.

Ryan and I are OK the way we are. Every day, we just try to have fun, with Yohan slowly introducing ourselves to family life.

How do you stay on top of your game?

I just make sure that whatever I do comes from my heart. Being honest with my fans is also important.

How are things with "Ploning"?

We're almost done with the editing. We've worked on this for eight years. It has an April 30 playdate, through the whole month of May, in SM theaters. It's directed by my best friend, Dante Nico Garcia.

Did you adjust your talent fee for this?

Some sort ... but I decided to co-produce the movie. I'm trying new things, so I'll have a back-up career.

Are you aware that the "Judy Ann" tag does not translate well at the box office?

"Ploning is indie only in the sense that it's made by independent producers. [illegible] It's really special. Ryan is even doing a coffee-table book about it.

Juday will reunite soon with Derek Ramsay in ABS-CBN's "Margarita," directed by [illegible].

(Email: [illegible]@inquirer.com.ph)





About the quality of films you plan to watch...

VIEWFINDER

Nestor U. Torre



Basking on reviews







'Evan Almighty'

'Chuck and Larry'



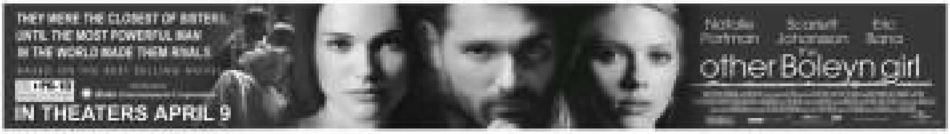
'I-Witness' team conducts ...

From page H4

POWER PLANT CINEMA







KID FIT

Disney Channel presents the "High School Musical" (2006) and "High School Musical 2" (HSM 2) "What's What" edition. [illegible] The special airs April [illegible] and 13, 7:30 p.m.

MMTA MOVIE GUIDE

METRO MANILA THEATERS ASSOCIATION

NOW SHOWING

[illegible]

AT THE CINEMAS

GLORIETTA 1	1 SEMI-PRO	2 SHUTTER	3 DOOMSDAY	4 [illegible]
GLORIETTA 4	1 SEMI-PRO	2 OVER HER DEAD BODY	3 DOOMSDAY	
	4 [illegible]	5 HORTON HEARS A WHO	6 SHUTTER	7 FOOL'S GOLD
GREENBELT 1	1 DOOMSDAY	2 SHUTTER		
GREENBELT 3	1 SEMI-PRO	2 SHUTTER		
	3 FOOL'S GOLD	4 HORTON HEARS A WHO	5 OVER HER DEAD BODY	
ALABANG TOWN CENTER	1 SHUTTER	2 DOOMSDAY		
	3 SEMI-PRO	4 FOOL'S GOLD	5 HORTON HEARS A WHO	
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MARKET! MARKET!	1 SHUTTER	2 HORTON HEARS A WHO		
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TRINOMA	1 [illegible]	2 ACROSS THE UNIVERSE	3 HORTON HEARS A WHO	4 DOOMSDAY
	5 FOOL'S GOLD	6 SEMI-PRO	7 SHUTTER	

AT THE MALLS

Ayala Malls

Glorietta	[illegible]
Greenbelt	[illegible]
Alabang Town Center	[illegible]
Ayala Center Cebu	[illegible]
Market! Market!	[illegible]
Ayala Museum	[illegible]
TriNoma	[illegible]

But not 'supab'-funny

REVIEW



Grim, heavy, ruthless





Who is this Russell Brand and why is he big in the UK?



ONLY IN HOLLYWOOD

Ruben V. Nepales

'I-Witness' team conducts workshop



LIVING Stars

Did You Know...

LILONGWE— MADONNA IS DUE BACK IN MALAWI next week for what is expected to be a final court ruling on whether she can adopt a child from the southern African country. A senior official here said her [illegible] April 8. Reuters







WENDY VALDEZ

"WARRIOR OF THE LIGHT" BY PAULO Coelho and Margaret Jull Costa is my current favorite book. A fan gave it to me and told me I should read it. On the cover, it says that the book is a compilation of "short notes on accepting failures, embracing life and rising to your destiny." I've learned a lot from this book. I read it whenever I'm really depressed, and I feel healed right after.

Maribel R. Cruz [illegible]





ARA MINA

THE MUSIC ROOM IN MY OLD HOUSE was very Zen—in shades of black and gray. When I moved into my new home, I decided on a blue-and-yellow music room (above), for a change. This time, the theme is modern Asian. When I sold the old house, I included all the appliances and furniture pieces so that I could have new ones here. The sofa in this new music room was custom-made by Cebu-based interior designer [illegible]. The new TV from Samsung has an LCD screen. I spend a lot of time here, watching my favorite movies, or singing with the videoke.

Raymund San Diego Jr. [illegible]



RICA PERALEJO

THESE [illegible] dishes—and square [illegible]—were gifts. [illegible] them [illegible] and [illegible]. I feed them turtle pellets, and change the water in their cage only when I see it's murky.

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BEDROOM is painted in shades of green and yellow—her favorites. Far left, [illegible] makeup kit [illegible]. Left, collection of scents [illegible].



HOME BODY

City gal finds rustic retreat 'cool'



CERAMIC chimes [illegible] charms.



IN THE spiffy new kitchen, with proud parents Cristina and Ruben Garcia

By Bayani San Diego Jr.
Photos by Rudy Espanol

PROUDLY, SHE DECLARES that the baby in the family still lives with mom and dad.

Although 20-year-old singing champion Maricris Garcia won a cool million pesos and a new house and lot in Antipolo on the talent search "Pinoy Pop Superstar" in June last year, she has opted to stay with her parents, moving from Kalookan to Bulacan shortly after.

"Bulacan is really not that far from Quezon City," she asserts. "Via the North Luzon Expressway, the GMA studio is just 30 minutes away."

Bryan Termulo, her PPS runner-up, also lives in Bulacan, Maricris notes. "When his car is not available [because of the color-coding scheme], he rides with me. When it's my turn, he picks me up."

The Garcias' bungalow, next to an open field, affords the budding diva a welcome respite from the hustle and bustle of show biz.

"It's relaxing here," she says. "At night, it's very cool."

Needless to say, her bedroom is her favorite nook, her "sanctuary."

"I chose the colors green and yellow for the room because the combination is soothing," she explains. "Green is my favorite."

Speaking of which, jade décor is strewn all over the living room.



CHAMP shows off memento from her "Pinoy Pop" victory: P1M check and key to a house and lot.

Good luck charms

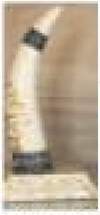
"Some of the pieces are gifts, and my mom also bought a few from a bazaar. She believes jade brings good luck," Maricris says.

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Maricris, who had been working as a lounge singer since age 13, was rejected when she auditioned for ABS-CBN's "Star in a Million."

On her first try for GMA 7's "Pinoy Pop Superstar," she lost out to Jonalyn Viray. After two years, she re-joined PPS and emerged as grand champ.

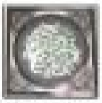
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IVORY tusk is a gift from her sister.



PATIO teems with potted plants



MOM believes jade decor brings good luck.

Maricris, who is now working on her debut CD with GMA Records, used part of her cash prize to buy a Hyundai Grand Starex van, her biggest acquisition so far.

"I need a big vehicle for costumes, shoes, accessories and makeup."

The rest of the money is in a bank.

Maricris has decided to turn the P1.5 million Antipolo house she won into a [illegible] rest house.

"My parents, [illegible], brother and I [illegible] stay there on weekends. It's near the Antipolo church."

It's nippy laid-back and rustic there, too, she said, like her Bulacan retreat.

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THAI silk centerpiece for the dining table

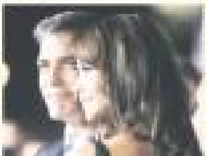


LIVING room features brown sofa, orange and white paper lamps and mom's jade décor

'Leatherheads' red carpet parade on March 31



DIRECTOR and cast member George Clooney and girlfriend Sarah Larson turn up for the Grauman's premiere, right. At left is his co-star Renee Zellweger, arriving solo. AFP



RED CARPET



[illegible] couple Randy Gerber and Cindy Crawford, all smiles. AFP





'Nim's Island' H'wood preem on March 30

Cast members Gerard Butler, above, and Jodie Foster, right, arrive separately at the premiere of "Nim's Island" at the Grauman's Chinese theatre, but are seen posing for a "family" snap with their young co-star, Abigail Breslin. The movie opens across the US today. AFP

